

## **EXHIBIT 3**

20000096

**QUOTA SHARE REINSURANCE CONTRACT**

**ARTICLE I  
REINSURED  
PROGRAM:**

NHE Workers' Compensation Program, including The CraneComp, The Horizon Workers' Compensation Program and Transportation Group.

**ARTICLE II  
COMPANY:**

Security Insurance Company of Hartford  
The Fire and Casualty Insurance Company of Connecticut  
The Connecticut Indemnity Company

**ARTICLE III  
SUBSCRIBING  
REINSURERS:**

Identified in the INTEREST AND LIABILITIES AGREEMENTS attached to and forming a part of this Contract.

**ARTICLE IV  
TYPE:**

Quota Share Treaty Reinsurance Contract providing prospective coverage as set forth herein.

**ARTICLE V  
CONTRACT PERIOD:**

The Contract shall apply to Policies that incept on or between 12:01 A.M. Eastern Standard Time March 15, 2000 (the "Inception Date") and 12:01 A.M. Eastern Standard Time March 14, 2001. This Contract shall continue until terminated pursuant to Article XX herein.

In the event either party terminates this Contract in accordance with such Article XX, the Reinsurer shall continue to reinsure policies ceded within the terms of this Contract pursuant to the terms stated below. In the event of the termination of this Contract, at the Company's option:

A. The Reinsurer shall remain liable for all policies ceded within the terms of this Contract which have inception dates prior to the Contract termination date until the natural expiration date or cancellation date of such policies, whichever occurs first. The Reinsurer shall continue to be liable for its proportionate share of all outstanding losses (reported or unreported) which occur prior to such policy natural expiration date or cancellation date, whichever occurs first; or

B. The Reinsurer shall be relieved of all liability hereunder for losses occurring subsequent to the Contract termination date. The Reinsurer shall continue to be liable for its proportionate share of all outstanding losses (reported or unreported) which occur prior to the Contract termination date.

The Reinsurer shall refund to the Company the unearned Net Ceded Premium, if any, (as such term is defined in Article XVI herein) applicable to the unexpired liability (calculated on a pro rata basis), at conclusion of the runoff if option A. above is elected, or at termination if option B. above is elected.

**ARTICLE VI  
BUSINESS COVERED:**

Business with respect to risks of the Reinsured Program indicated in Article I herein only classified as Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability under those *certain* insurance policies issued by the Company to the Original Insureds pursuant to and in accordance with the Underwriting Guidelines (as defined in Article XVI herein), as set forth below (the "Covered Policies"). Coverage hereunder is on an Occurrence Basis.

The Covered Policies with respect to which the Reinsurer shall indemnify the Company shall include policies (including renewals thereof) with inception dates pursuant to Article V herein, and identified as policies issued under the NHE Workers' Compensation Program, pursuant to and in accordance with the Underwriting Guidelines (as defined in Article XVI herein). This Contract shall continue until terminated pursuant to Article XIX herein.

**ARTICLE VII  
REINSURING CLAUSE:**

With respect to losses arising from Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability Accidents and Diseases during the Contract Period, the Reinsurer will indemnify the Company, subject to the limitations set forth herein, for Ultimate Net Loss, Loss Adjustment Expenses, Extra Contractual Obligations and Losses in Excess of Original Policy Limits pursuant to Articles XVI, XVII, XVIII and XIX and Exhibit A attached hereto and forming a part of this Contract. The Reinsurer shall indemnify the Company up to amounts Per Accident and Each Employee for Disease indicated in such Exhibit A, subject always to the Reinsurer's Aggregate Limit of Liability indicated in such Exhibit A and the other limitations herein specified.

For purposes of this Article, the terms "Accident", "Disease", "Ultimate Net Loss", "Loss Adjustment Expenses", "Extra Contractual Obligations" and "Losses in Excess of Original Policy Limits" are defined in Articles XVI, XVII, XVIII and XIX and Exhibit A attached to and forming a part of this Contract.

**ARTICLE VIII  
TERRITORY:**

The territorial limits of this Contract shall be identical with those of the Covered Policies, issued pursuant to and in accordance with the Underwriting Guidelines (as defined in Article XVI herein.)

**ARTICLE IX  
EXCLUSIONS:**

This Contract does not apply to:

- A. Any losses, or liability for losses excluded under the Covered Policies; and
- B. Any losses, or liability for losses arising from:
  - 1. Professional sports teams;

2. Federal Acts, including Jones Act except where estimated payroll in respect of any one risk is less than 20% of total estimated payroll of such risk;
3. Radioactive contamination;
4. Loss or damage directly or indirectly occasioned by, happening through, or in consequence of war, invasion, acts of foreign enemies, hostilities (whether war be declared or not), civil war, rebellion, revolution, insurrection, military or usurped power or confiscation or nationalization or requisition or destruction of or damage to property by or under the order of any government or public or local authority;

Loss or damage occasioned by war, invasion, revolution, bombardment, hostilities, acts of foreign enemies, civil war, rebellion, insurrection, military or usurped power, martial law, or confiscation by order of any government or public authority, but not excluding loss or damage which would be covered under a standard form or policy containing a standard war exclusion clause.

5. Loss or liability excluded by the Nuclear Incident Exclusion Clause – Liability – Reinsurance – U.S.A. (NMA 1590) attached to this Agreement (Exhibit D).
6. All liability of the Company arising, by contract, operation of law, or otherwise, from its participation or membership, whether voluntary or involuntary, in any insolvency fund. "Insolvency Fund" includes any guaranty fund, plan, pool, association, fund or other arrangement, howsoever denominated, established or governed, which provides for any assessment of or payment or assumption by the Company of part or all of any claim, debt, charge, fee or other obligation of any insurer, or its successors or assigns, which has been declared by any competent authority to be insolvent, or which is otherwise deemed unable to meet any claim, debt, charge, fee or other obligation in whole or in part;
7. The Company's liability as participant, member, subscriber or reinsurer of any pool, syndicate or association;
8. Assumed reinsurance, except as specially accepted;
9. Industrial Aid Aircraft;
10. Pollution – Absolute; and
11. Financial Guarantee, Insolvency, Title Insurance, Auto Warranty business and credit insurances.

**ARTICLE X  
REINSURANCE  
PREMIUM:**

The Company will cede to the Reinsurer its proportionate share of premiums under the Covered Policies, pursuant to Articles XIII and XVI herein.

**ARTICLE XI  
CEDING COMMISSION:**

The Reinsurer will allow the Company a thirty-one percent (31%) ceding commission for the 2000/2001 Program Year (as such term is defined in Note #3.b.) under Exhibit A attached to and forming a part of this Contract. Such ceding commission will apply to the audited Gross Written Premium (as such term is defined in Article XVI herein) to all Covered Policies which comprise the 2000/2001 Program Year.

**ARTICLE XII  
CURRENCY (BRMA 12A):**

Whenever the word "Dollars" or the "\$" sign appears in this Contract, they shall be construed to mean United States Dollars and all transactions under this Contract shall be in United States Dollars.

Amounts paid or received by the Company in any other currency shall be converted to United States Dollars at the rate of exchange at the date such transaction is entered on the books of the Company.

**ARTICLE XIII  
PREMIUM, ACCOUNTS  
AND REMITTANCES:**

**A. Premiums**

1. Within sixty (60) days following the end of each calendar month during the term of this Contract, the Company will render to the Reinsurer a statement showing the Net Ceded Premium (as defined in Article XVI), if any, due the Reinsurer for such month which is defined and calculated in accordance with Section C. of this Article XIII. The Company will remit such Net Ceded Premium payment to the Reinsurer, pursuant to the terms of this Article XIII.

2. Upon early termination of the Policies, the earned premium will be computed in accordance with the applicable rules, rates, rating plans, premiums and minimum premiums. If the earned premium less any uncollected premium, as finally determined, is different from the premium that was utilized to establish the reinsurance premium hereunder, prior payments made under this Contract will be recalculated by the Company utilizing the actual earned premium or the actual premium tax, and notice of such recalculation shall be provided to the Reinsurer within thirty (30) days of such termination. If the recalculation indicates that the Reinsurer owes money to the Company, the Reinsurer will pay that money within ten (10) days of the Reinsurer's receipt of such notice thereof from the Company. If the recalculation indicates that the Company owes money to the Reinsurer, the Company will pay that money at the time the recalculation is delivered to the Reinsurer.

## B. Claims

1. The Company will, with funds provided by the Reinsurer (from funds withheld from Net Ceded Premium or other sources), establish an interest bearing bank account (hereinafter the "Loss Payment Fund Account") for the Company's benefit which shall be for use in payment of the Reinsurer's liabilities under this Contract. The Company and its authorized Third Party Claims Administrator (hereinafter the "TPA") will have the right to withdraw funds from the Loss Payment Fund Account to make payment of claims that are payable under the terms and conditions of the Covered Policies and this Contract. The authority of the TPA to withdraw funds from the Loss Payment Fund Account may be revoked at anytime by the Company upon written notice to all parties. The Company may deposit, from time to time, funds which are in excess of the Reinsurer's Reinsurance Limits of Liability (as stated in Exhibit A attached to this Contract) for the purpose of paying claims which are in excess of such Reinsurance Limits of Liability.

The Company will pay interest to the Reinsurer on any Loss Payment Fund Account amounts. Interest will begin accruing on the date such excess funds are available and will continue until all such excess funds are returned to the Reinsurer. Such interest may be paid monthly to the Reinsurer, or at the Reinsurer's election may be retained by the Company as excess amounts in the Loss Payment Fund Account to fund for future reinsurance obligations under this Contract.

The initial required amount of the Loss Payment Fund Account will be \$25,000. Thereafter, the required balance of the Loss Payment Fund Account will be equal to two (2) times the monthly average of the sum of: (a) the current and previous (2) months' worth of paid Ultimate Net Losses (as such term is defined in Article XVI herein) within the Reinsurance Limits of Liability plus (b) Reinsurer's share of associated Loss Adjustment Expenses (as such term is defined in Article XVI herein). The Company and the Reinsurer agree that claim payment information provided by the TPA shall be used for the purpose of this calculation. The TPA shall be authorized to make payments out of the Loss Payment Fund Account in the amount of the Reinsurer's liabilities hereunder. The Reinsurer will provide the Company each month with sufficient funds to replenish the Loss Payment Fund Account within thirty (30) days after Reinsurer receives notice of the balance due pursuant to Section C. of this Article XIII. The Company may also review the adequacy of the account at any other time and the Reinsurer will send the Company funds to increase the account within five (5) working days of the Company's written request. If the Reinsurer fails to make any payment to the Company within the time required by this Contract, the Company will have the option to change the foregoing formula for replenishing the Loss Payment Fund Account by increasing the number of months used to estimate the required balance.

2. Payments that may be withdrawn from the Loss Payment Fund Account will be for paid Ultimate Net Losses and Loss Adjustment Expenses within Reinsurer's Reinsurance Limits of Liability under this Contract with respect to

the Covered Policies. Payments may also be withdrawn from funds made available by the Company pursuant to paragraph 1. above.

3. In the event that the Company becomes obligated for paid Ultimate Net Loss and Loss Adjustment Expenses that exceed the amount of the Loss Payment Fund Account balance for amounts representing the Reinsurer's liability under this Contract, the Reinsurer will, within five (5) working days after receipt of a written demand and documentation by the Company or the TPA on the Company's behalf, forward funds to the Company sufficient to cover such amounts that are greater than the then current Loss Payment Fund Account balance.

4. Should payment due from the Reinsurer exceed \$100,000 as respects any one Ultimate Net Loss, the Company may give the Reinsurer notice of payment made or its intention to make payment on a certain date. If the Company has paid the loss, payment will be made by the Reinsurer immediately. If the Company intends to pay the loss by a certain date and has submitted a satisfactory proof of loss or similar document, payment will be due from the Reinsurer twenty-four (24) hours prior to that date, provided the Reinsurer has a period of five (5) working days after receipt of said notice to dispatch the payment. Cash loss amounts specifically remitted by the Reinsurer as set forth herein will be credited to its next monthly account.

#### C. Premium Reporting

Within sixty (60) calendar days following the end of each calendar month during the term of this Contract, the Company shall render to the Reinsurer a report showing the following, in arrears for such calendar month:

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| a. | Gross Ceded Premium   | \$. |
|    | less  |     |
| b. | Ceding Commission (pursuant to Article XI herein)   | \$. |
|    | equals  |     |
| c. | Net Ceded Premium   | \$. |
|    | less  |     |
| d. | Additional Loss Payment Fund amount (pursuant to Section B.1 of this Article XIII)  | \$. |
|    | less  |     |
| e. | Reinsurance Ultimate Net Losses and Loss Adjustment Expenses paid by the Company but not recovered from the Reinsurer (pursuant to Section B. of this Article XIII) | \$. |

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f. Balance Due to (or from) Reinsurer §.

Any balance due to the Reinsurer shall be remitted with the report indicated above. Any balance due to the Company shall be settled within thirty (30) days after the Reinsurer receives the report indicated above.

In addition, the Company shall report to the Reinsurer under each calendar monthly bordereaux the following:

1. Policy Number;
2. Policy Effective and Expiration Dates;
3. Subject Business (pursuant to Exhibit A attached to this Contract);
4. Risk State;
5. Claims Number;
6. Date of Loss;
7. Claimant Name;
8. Outstanding Reserves for Ultimate Net Loss; and
9. Gross Ceded Unearned Premium Reserve.

For purposes of this Article XIII, the terms "Ultimate Net Loss" "Loss Adjustment Expenses," "Gross Ceded Premium," and "Net Ceded Premium" are defined in Article XVI.

**ARTICLE XIV  
TAXES, ASSESSMENTS  
AND DIVIDENDS:**

The Company shall pay all taxes and dividends on premiums (except Federal Excise Tax which is described in Article XXVIII herein, or as, otherwise, provided herein) reported to the Reinsurer. In the event that this Contract is terminated, the provisions of this Article shall continue to apply for as long as the Company is required to accept assignments and/or assessments (including credits) because of the business reinsured hereunder.

**ARTICLE XV  
SECURITY:**

In the event that the Company would be unable to take credit for the reinsurance provided by the Reinsurer hereunder because the Reinsurer is unauthorized or is not accredited, the Reinsurer will provide the Company with (i) a Security Trust Fund which is acceptable to the appropriate insurance authorities and meets all applicable regulatory requirements including 11 NYCRR 126 (Regulation 114), or (ii) a clean, irrevocable and unconditional letter of credit which is acceptable to the appropriate insurance authorities, meets all applicable regulatory requirements including 11 NYCRR 126 (Regulation 114), is in the form of Exhibit B attached hereto and forming a part of this Contract, is issued by a bank acceptable to the regulatory authorities having jurisdiction over the Company's reserves. In each case, the Company shall be the beneficiary. Such trust account and/or letter(s) of credit are hereinafter referred to as the "Security".



The Reinsurer and the Company agree that the Security will be established and maintained in an amount equal to:

1. the Ultimate Net Loss and Loss Adjustment Expense paid by or on behalf of the Company but not recovered from Reinsurer, plus
2. Case Reserves for Ultimate Net Loss, Reserves for Ultimate Net Loss and Loss Adjustment Expense with respect to IBNR, plus
3. Reserves for Loss Adjustment Expenses, and Unearned Premium Reserves, less
4. the amount on deposit in the Loss Payment Fund Account; pursuant to Article XII herein.

The amount calculated in 1. through 4. above is hereinafter referred to as the "Unauthorized Reinsurer's Obligation".

At quarterly intervals, or more frequently as determined by the Company, but never more frequently than monthly, the Company shall prepare a specific statement showing the change in the Unauthorized Reinsurer's Obligation as of the date of such statement, as well as showing the changes in the Gross Ceded Premium (as such term is defined in Article XVI herein) as of the date of such statement, for the sole purpose of determining the required amount of Security.

In the event that the amount of Unauthorized Reinsurer's Obligation, as of the date of the above indicated Company's statement, exceeds the amount of the Security actually held in favor of the Company hereunder, the Company will provide prompt written notice of such event, and the Reinsurer shall increase the Security to the amount of the Unauthorized Reinsurer's Obligation within thirty (30) days following the receipt of such notice. In the event that the amount of the Security held in favor of the Company exceeds the Unauthorized Reinsurer's Obligation, the Company will provide prompt written notice of such event, and shall authorize a withdrawal or reduction of Security in the amount of such difference. Each such calculation and adjustment by the Company shall be binding and conclusive for purposes of this Contract absent bad faith or manifest error.

If the Security provided is in the form of letter(s) of credit, each letter of credit will be irrevocable, clean and unconditional, issued for a term of at least twelve (12) months and will be, by its terms, subject to any unlimited number of automatic renewals thereafter for additional twelve (12) month terms, unless the issuing bank advises the Company in writing at least sixty (60) days prior to the next expiration date of the bank's intention not to have the letter of credit be considered renewed. The Reinsurer will deliver or cause to be delivered to the Company at least thirty (30) days prior to the expiration date of the letter of credit which is about to non-renew, a replacement letter of credit establishing credit in the Reinsurer's favor in the same amount as the letter of credit which it replaces, unless such amount is to be otherwise adjusted as provided for herein. Upon timely receipt of the replacement letter of credit, the Company will immediately cancel the original letter of credit by notation and return it to

the Reinsurer postage prepaid, registered mail, however, if the Reinsurer is located outside the continental United States, such return shall be made by an internationally recognized overnight courier service.

The Reinsurer shall ensure that the required amount of Security remains in force throughout the term of this Contract and thereafter until all covered claims under the Policies have been closed, or until otherwise agreed. The Company shall release any Security or proceeds therefrom to the issuer of the Security when the Company determines that all obligations under this Contract, finally developed, have been paid. The Company shall make such a determination on a reasonable actuarial basis in good faith.

#### Special Provisions for Letters of Credit

With respect to any Security, the Reinsurer and the Company agree that the Company (or any successor of the Company by operation of law, including, without limitation, any liquidator, rehabilitator, receiver or conservator of the Company as indicated in a letter(s) of credit) may draw upon such letter of credit and use the proceeds thereof for the following purposes only:

- (1) Any Security is not replaced or increased as required by this Contract;
- (2) The Reinsurer fails to discharge its payment of the Unauthorized Reinsurer's Obligation under this Contract; and
- (3) The Reinsurer fails to cure such default under (1), or (2) above within ten (10) days of receiving notice of such default from the Company; and/or
- (4) Any other reason for draw-down as described in a Security Trust Fund Agreement.

The Company may draw the full amount of such Security in the case of the preceding clause (1), but only the amount due from the Reinsurer in the case of the preceding clause (2). The Reinsurer and the Company agree that the proceeds of the Security provided by the Reinsurer pursuant to the provisions of this Contract may be utilized by the Company to pay or reimburse the Company for amounts due with respect to the Unauthorized Reinsurer's Obligation from the Reinsurer hereunder; or to fund an account with the Company for the Unauthorized Reinsurer's Obligation with respect to the Covered Policies. Such cash deposit shall be held in an interest bearing account separate from the Company's other assets.

All of the foregoing shall be applied without diminution because of insolvency on the Reinsurer's part. The Company will pay interest to the Reinsurer on any funds drawn by the Company and held pursuant to the preceding paragraph. Interest will begin accruing on the date such funds are drawn and will continue to accrue until such funds are paid out in satisfaction of the Unauthorized Reinsurer's Obligation hereunder or are returned to the Reinsurer. At the Reinsurer's discretion, such interest may be paid monthly to the Reinsurer or may be retained by the

Company and added to the funds held by the Company hereunder. Such interest will be equal to the interest actually earned by the Company from the investment of such funds. Such funds, and any amounts held in an account established as set forth in the preceding paragraph, shall be held by the Company in its sole possession, custody and control as security for the prompt payment and performance when due with respect to the Unauthorized Reinsurer's Obligation of the Reinsurer hereunder, and by the Reinsurer's execution of this Contract, the Reinsurer irrevocably transfers, assigns and pledges such funds, and all accounts, instruments and securities in which such funds may from time to time be held or invested, to the Company for the purposes herein described. In the event of a drawing-down of the Security pursuant to clause (1) or (2) above, and such failure or event has been cured, the Company will return to the Reinsurer any funds held by the Company upon receipt of Security satisfying the requirements of this Contract.

The bank chosen as the issuer of any letter of credit or as the depository of cash representing collateral hereunder will have no responsibility whatsoever in connection with the propriety of drawings or withdrawals made by the Company or the disposition of funds drawn or withdrawn, except to ensure that drawings or withdrawals are made only upon the order of the Company's properly authorized representatives.

#### ARTICLE XVI DEFINITIONS:

For purposes of this Contract:

A. The term "Ultimate Net Loss" shall mean the Company's gross liability for loss settlement (inclusive of Loss Adjustment Expenses, Extra Contractual Obligations and Excess of Original Policy Limit amounts as such terms are defined in Articles XVI, XVIII and XIX herein) paid on all Covered Policies and remaining after any deduction of any and all inuring reinsurance.

B. The term "Loss Adjustment Expenses" shall mean expenses assignable to the investigation, appraisal, negotiation, adjustment, settlement, litigation, defense and/or appeal of specific claims, regardless of how such expenses are classified for statutory reporting purposes. Loss Adjustment Expenses shall include, but not be limited to, pre- and post-judgment interest, expenses of outside adjusters and counsel, court costs, and declaratory judgment expenses or other legal expenses and costs incurred in connection with coverage questions and legal actions connected thereto, but shall not include office expenses or salaries of the Company's regular employees. The Reinsurer's shared Loss Adjustment Expenses are indicated under section D.5. of Exhibit A attached hereto.

C. The term "Gross Written Premium" means the total premium charged to the Original Insureds under the Covered Policies, plus additional premiums and/or less return premiums arising from subsequent premium transactions including cancellations and premium audits.

D. The term "Gross Ceded Premium" means Gross Written Premium, as such term is defined herein, less Gross Retained Premium, as such term is defined herein.

E. The term "Gross Retained Premium" means 9% of the Gross Written Premium, as such term is defined herein, as the premium for the total limits retained by the Company under the Covered Policies and the expenses of the Company for issuing and administering the Covered Policies.

F. The term "Net Ceded Premium" means Gross Ceded Premium, as such term is defined herein, less the Ceding Commission as described in Article XI herein.

G. The term "Accident" shall be given the same meaning under the Covered Policies.

H. The term "Disease" shall be given the same meaning under the Covered Policies.

I. The term "Underwriting Guidelines" means those underwriting, pricing and administration requirements (including any amendments thereto) in connection with the NHE Workers' Compensation Program, as mutually agreed to by the parties, which are included in Exhibit C attached to this Contract.

J. The term "Unearned Premium Reserve(s)" means the pro rata portion of the premium represented by the unexpired portion of a Covered Policy in force as of any specified date using a daily amortization method.

K. The term "IBNR" means a reserve for liability for future payment on losses which have already occurred but have not yet been reported to the Company and will also include expected future development on Case Reserves.

L. The term "Case Reserves" means losses reported to the Company under the Covered Policies which have been reserved but unpaid as of any specified date.

**ARTICLE XVII  
LOSS ADJUSTMENT  
EXPENSES:**

The Reinsurer will indemnify the Company for a portion of Loss Adjustment Expenses, as defined in Article XVI herein and in accordance with Item D.5. of Exhibit A attached to and forming a part of this Contract.

**ARTICLE XVIII  
EXTRA CONTRACTUAL  
OBLIGATIONS:**

Subject to the Specific Reinsurance Limits indicated in Item D.3. of Exhibit A (attached to and forming a part of this Contract), the term "Extra Contractual Obligations" means those liabilities not covered under

any other provision of this Contract or under the Covered Policies and which arise from the handling of any claim on business covered hereunder, such liabilities arising because of, but not limited to, the following: failure by the Company to settle within the policy limit, or by reason of alleged or actual negligence, fraud, or bad faith in rejecting an offer of settlement or in the preparation of the defense or in the trial of any action against its insured or reinsured or in the preparation or prosecution of an appeal consequent upon such action. The date on which any Extra Contractual Obligation is incurred by the Company shall be deemed, in all circumstances, to be the date of the original disaster and/or casualty. However, this definition shall not apply where the loss has been incurred due to fraud by a member of the Board of Directors or a corporate officer of the Company acting individually or collectively or in collusion with any individual or corporation or any other organization or party involved in the presentation, defense or settlement of any claim covered hereunder.

**ARTICLE XIX  
LOSS IN EXCESS OF**

**ORIGINAL POLICY LIMITS:** Subject to the Specific Reinsurance Limits indicated in Item D.4. of Exhibit A (attached to and forming a part of this Contract), the term "Loss in Excess of Original Policy Limits" means a loss in excess of the original policy limits which occurs because of the failure by the Company to settle within the policy limit or by reason of alleged or actual negligence, fraud, or bad faith in rejecting an offer of settlement or in the preparation of the defense or in the trial of any action against its Original Insured or reinsured or in the preparation or prosecution of an appeal consequent upon such action. However, this definition shall not apply where the loss has been incurred due to fraud by a member of the Board of Directors or a corporate officer of the Company acting individually or collectively or in collusion with any individual or corporation or any other organization or party involved in the presentation, defense or settlement of any claim covered. For the purpose of this Article, the word "loss" shall mean any amounts for which the Company would have been contractually liable had it not been for the limit of the original Covered Policy.

**ARTICLE XX  
TERMINATION:**

This Contract may be cancelled by either the Reinsurer or the Company upon ninety (90) days prior written notice delivered by the party canceling this Contract to the other party. Further, this Contract shall be cancelable by the Reinsurer for non-payment of any amount of Reinsurance Premium which is due pursuant to Article X herein. In the event of any such non-payment, the Reinsurer may transmit written notice of cancellation to the Company by telecopier or overnight courier and the Company shall have until the tenth business day following the delivery of such notice to pay the delinquent amount. In the event that the delinquent amount shall not be received by the Reinsurer prior to the close of business on such tenth day, the cancellation shall be deemed to be effective at 11:59:59 p.m. on the day preceding the date on which the delinquent amount of the Reinsurance Premium was due.

**ARTICLE XXI  
INSPECTION AND AUDIT  
OF BOOKS AND RECORDS:**

The Company shall allow the Reinsurer to inspect and copy, at reasonable times during normal business hours of the Company, the books, records and claims files of the Company or its representatives or agents relevant to the business reinsured hereunder, including the Company's or its representatives' or agents' files concerning claims, losses or legal proceedings.

The Reinsurer shall be entitled to conduct an audit of the Company and its business insofar as it may be necessary, in the sole opinion of the Reinsurer, to determine the Company's compliance with the terms and conditions of this Contract, provided such audit shall be limited to matters which are relevant to the business reinsured hereunder, and the proper operation of the terms and conditions of, this Contract.

The Company and its representatives and agents shall cooperate in every respect with the Reinsurer and any representative or auditor of the Reinsurer insofar as implementing the requirements of this Article XXI.

**ARTICLE XXII  
ERRORS AND OMISSIONS**

Any inadvertent delay, error or accidental omission of either party shall not be held to relieve either party hereto from any liability which would attach to it hereunder if such delay, omission or error had not been made, provided such delay, omission or error is rectified upon discovery.

**ARTICLE XXIII  
ORIGINAL CONDITIONS:**

Except as otherwise provided under Article IX herein, all reinsurance under this Contract shall be subject to the same rates, terms, conditions, waivers and to the same modifications, alterations and interpretations as the Covered Policies of the Company, and the liability of the Reinsurer shall follow that of the Company in every case, subject to the terms, conditions and limitations of this Contract. It is the intent of the parties hereto that the Reinsurer shall follow the fortunes of the Company in all matters falling under this Contract.

**ARTICLE XXIV  
LOSS SETTLEMENTS:**

Except as otherwise provided under Article IX herein, all loss settlements made by the Company under the terms and conditions of the Covered Policies shall be binding upon the Reinsurer, and the Reinsurer agrees to pay or allow, as the case may be, its share of each such settlement in accordance with this Contract.

All loss settlements shall mean individual payments made by the Company in accordance with its obligations under the Covered Policies.

Nothing in this Article XXIV shall be construed as meaning that loss settlements are not recoverable hereunder until the final loss to the Company has been ascertained.

The date of loss as defined in the Covered Policies shall apply as respects any losses reported under this Contract.

Notwithstanding anything stated in this Contract to the contrary, should the expiration date of any Policy be extended as the result of any statute or regulation, the Reinsurer's liability will apply to all losses occurring during such policy period extension.

**ARTICLE XXV  
SALVAGE AND  
SUBROGATION:**

The Reinsurer shall be credited with its proportionate share of salvage or subrogation recoveries (i.e., reimbursement obtained or recovery made by the Company, less the actual cost, excluding salaries of officials and employees of the Company, of obtaining such reimbursement or making such recovery) on account of claims and settlements involving reinsurance hereunder. The Reinsurer shall be subrogated to the rights of the Company to the extent of its loss payments to the Company. The Company agrees to enforce its rights of salvage, subrogation, and its rights against other insurers or to assign these rights to the Reinsurer.

**ARTICLE XXVI  
OFFSET (BRMA 36D):**

The Company and the Reinsurer, each at its option, may offset any balance or balances, whether on account of premiums, claims and losses, loss expenses or salvages due from one party to the other under this Contract; provided, however, that in the event of the insolvency of a party hereto, offsets shall only be allowed in accordance with applicable statutes and regulations.

**ARTICLE XXVII  
INSOLVENCY:**

In the event of the insolvency of the Company, this reinsurance shall be payable immediately upon demand directly to the Company, or to its liquidator, receiver, conservator or statutory successor on the basis of the liability of the Company without diminution because of the insolvency of the Company or because the liquidator, receiver, conservator or statutory successor of the Company has failed to pay all or a portion of any claim. Such payments by the Reinsurer will be made directly to the Company or the Company's liquidator, receiver, or statutory successor except as provided by applicable law or separate contract. It is agreed, however, that the liquidator, receiver, conservator or statutory successor of the Company shall give written notice to the Reinsurer of the pendency of a claim against the Company indicating the Policy reinsured which claim would involve a possible liability on the part of the Reinsurer within a reasonable time after such claim is filed in the insolvency proceeding, and that during the pendency of such claim, the Reinsurer may investigate such claim and interpose, at its own expense, in the proceeding where such claim is to be adjudicated, any defense or defenses that it may deem available to the Company or its liquidator, receiver, conservator or statutory successor. The expense thus incurred by the Reinsurer shall be chargeable, subject to the approval of the court, against the Company as part of the expense of liquidation to the extent of a pro rata share of the benefit which may accrue to the Company solely as a result of the defense undertaken by the Reinsurer. Should the Company be placed into liquidation or should a receiver be appointed, the Reinsurer will be entitled to set off mutual debts or mutual credits as provided under

applicable law. The maximum amount recoverable, the maximum amount retained and total premium due under this Contract will not be increased by application of the above provision.

Where two or more Reinsurers are involved in the same claim and a majority in interest elect to interpose a defense to such claim, the expense shall be apportioned in accordance with the terms of this Contract as though such expense had been incurred by the insolvent Company.

**ARTICLE XXVIII  
FEDERAL EXCISE TAX:**

To the extent that any reinsurance hereunder shall be subject to Federal Excise Tax by virtue of reinsurance premiums being paid to a non-U.S. reinsurer, and there shall be no applicable exemption therefrom, the Company is authorized to deduct, for the purpose of paying such tax, the applicable percentage of the Reinsurance Premium payable as provided under Section 4371 of the Internal Revenue Code from the Reinsurance Premium payable to the non-U.S. Reinsurer with respect to the reinsurance subject to such tax. The Company shall allow such Reinsurer a credit for any such amount deducted in the event that any return premiums are paid to the Company and the Company or its agent should take steps to recover the tax from the United States Government.

**ARTICLE XXIX  
SERVICE OF SUIT  
(BRMA 49D):**

(This Article only applies to reinsurers domiciled outside of the United States and/or unauthorized in any state, territory, or district of the United States where authorization is required by insurance regulatory authorities).

It is agreed that in the event the Reinsurer fails to pay any amount claimed to be due hereunder, the Reinsurer, at the request of the Company, will submit to the jurisdiction of a court of competent jurisdiction within the United States. Nothing in this Article constitutes or should be understood to constitute a waiver of the Reinsurer's rights to commence an action in any court of competent jurisdiction in the United States, to remove an action to a United States District Court, or to seek a transfer of a case to another court as permitted by the laws of the United States or of any state in the United States.

Further, pursuant to any statute of any state, territory or district of the United States which makes provision therefor, the Reinsurer hereby designates Primmer & Piper of 100 East State Street, P.O. Box 1309, Montpelier, Vermont, 05601-1309, U.S.A, as its true and lawful attorney upon whom may be served any lawful process in any action, suit or proceeding instituted by or on behalf of the Company or any beneficiary hereunder arising out of this Contract.

**ARTICLE XXX  
THIRD PARTY RIGHTS  
(BRMA 52B):**

This Contract is solely between the Company and the Reinsurer, and in no instance shall any other party have any rights under this Contract except as expressly provided otherwise herein.



**ARTICLE XXXI  
LEGALITY:**

If any law or regulation of the federal, state, or local government of the United States or the rulings of officials having supervision over insurance companies should render illegal the undertaking of this Contract, then with regard to business within the jurisdiction of such authority, the Company may upon written notice to the Reinsurer suspend, abrogate, or amend this Contract insofar as it relates to business within the jurisdiction of such authority, to the extent as may be necessary to comply with such law, regulation or ruling. Such suspension, abrogation, or amendment of a portion of this Contract shall in no way affect any other portion thereof.

**ARTICLE XXXII  
ARBITRATION:**

As a condition precedent to any right of action hereunder, any dispute or difference between the Company and any Reinsurer relating to the interpretation or performance of this Contract, including its formation or validity, or any transaction under this Contract, whether arising before or after termination, shall be submitted to arbitration.

If more than one reinsurer is involved in the same dispute, all such reinsurers shall constitute and act as one party for purposes of this clause provided that communication shall be made by the Company to each of the reinsurers constituting the one party, and provided, however, that nothing therein shall impair the rights of such reinsurers to assert several, rather than joint, defenses or claims, nor be construed as changing the liability of the Reinsurer under the terms of this Contract from several to joint.

Upon written request of any party, each party shall choose an arbitrator and the two chosen shall select a third arbitrator. If either party refuses or neglects to appoint an arbitrator within thirty (30) days after receipt of the written request for arbitration, the requesting party may appoint a second arbitrator. If the two arbitrators fail to agree on the selection of a third arbitrator within thirty (30) days of their appointment, the Company shall petition the American Arbitration Association to appoint the third arbitrator. If the American Arbitration Association fails to appoint the third arbitrator within thirty (30) days after it has been requested to do so, either party may request a justice of a Court of general jurisdiction of the state in which the arbitration is to be held to appoint the third arbitrator. All arbitrators shall be active or retired officers of insurance or reinsurance companies, or Lloyd's London Underwriters, and disinterested in the outcome of the arbitration. Each party shall submit its case to the arbitrators within thirty (30) days of the appointment of the third arbitrator.

The parties hereby waive all objections to the method of selection of the arbitrators, it being the intention of both sides that all the arbitrators be chosen from those submitted by the parties.

The arbitrators shall have the power to determine all procedural rules for the holding of the arbitration including but not limited to inspection of documents, examination of witnesses and any other matter relating to the

conduct of the arbitration. The arbitrators shall interpret this Contract as an honorable engagement and not as merely a legal obligation; they are relieved of all judicial formalities and may abstain from following the strict rules of law. The arbitrators may award interest and costs. Each party shall bear the expense of its own arbitrator and shall share equally with the other party the expenses of the third arbitrator and of the arbitration.

The decision in writing of the majority of the arbitrators shall be final and binding upon both parties. Judgment may be entered upon the final decision of the arbitrators in any court having jurisdiction.

The arbitration shall take place in the city where the Company's principal office is located, unless otherwise mutually agreed between the Company and the Reinsurer.

This article shall remain in full force and effect in the event any other provision of this Contract shall be found invalid or non-binding.

Should the Company and the Reinsurer mutually agree to an alternative remedy to resolve a dispute under this Contract, such agreement shall be made in writing and executed by duly authorized representatives of both the Company and the Reinsurer.

**ARTICLE XXXIII  
AGENCY AGREEMENT:**

Security Insurance Company of Hartford, Farmington, Connecticut shall be deemed the agent of the other reinsured companies for the purposes of sending or receiving notices required by the terms and conditions of this Contract, and for the purposes of remitting or receiving any monies due any party.

**ARTICLE XXXIV  
MISCELLANEOUS  
PROVISIONS:**

A. This Contract and the rights, duties and obligations of the parties hereto shall not be assignable by either party hereto without the prior written consent of the other party and any purported assignment in the absence of such consent shall be void.

B. Each party shall execute and deliver all further instruments, documents and papers, and shall perform any and all acts necessary, to give full force and effect to all of the terms and provisions of this Contract.

C. If any provision of this Contract, as applied to any party or to any circumstance, shall be found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be void, invalid or unenforceable, the same shall in no way affect any other provision of this Agreement, the application of any such provision in any other circumstance, or the validity or enforceability of this Contract.

D. A waiver by any party of any of the terms and conditions of this Contract in any one instance shall not be deemed or construed to be a waiver of such term or condition for the future, or of any subsequent

breach thereof, nor shall it be deemed a waiver of performance of any other obligation hereunder.

E. This Contract contains the entire understanding of the parties hereto relating to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior and collateral agreements, understandings, statements and negotiations of the parties, oral or written. Each party acknowledges that no representations, inducements, promises or agreements, oral or written, with reference to the subject matter of this Contract have been made other than as expressly set forth herein.

F. In all matters of interpretation, whenever necessary to give effect to any provision of this Contract, each gender shall include the other, the singular shall include the plural and the plural shall include the singular. In addition, the titles of the Articles and subparagraphs of this Contract are for convenience only and shall not in any way affect the interpretation of any provision or condition of this Contract.

G. Except as may be expressly set forth herein, the parties hereto do not intend to confer any rights or remedies upon any person other than the parties hereto and nothing in this Contract shall in any manner create any obligations or establish any rights against the Company or the Reinsurer in favor of any persons or third parties who are not parties to this Contract.

H. This Contract may not be amended except by a written endorsement signed by both parties.

I. This Contract may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which, taken together, shall constitute the whole of the Contract between the parties.

## EXHIBIT A

## SCHEDULE OF LIABILITIES

	<i>A. Subject Business</i>	<i>B. Company's Policy Limits of Liability (Per Policy)</i>	<i>C. Company's Retained Limits of Liability (Per Policy)</i>	<i>D. Reinsurer's Specific Limits of Liability (Per Policy)</i>	<i>E. Reinsurer's Aggregate Limit (Combined for all Policies)</i>
1.	Workers' Compensation	Part 1: Statutory WC	Part 1: Statutory in Excess of First \$250,000 Each Accident (BI by Accident)  Part 1: Statutory in Excess of First \$250,000 Each Employee (BI by Disease)	Part 1: First \$250,000 Each Accident (BI by Accident)  Part 1: First \$250,000 Each Employee (BI by Disease)	Included. See Note # 3 below.  Included. See Note # 3 below.
2.	Employers' Liability	Part 2: \$1,000,000 BI by Accident Each Accident  \$1,000,000 BI by Disease Each Employee \$1,000,000 Disease Policy Limit	Part 2: \$750,000 in excess of First \$250,000 Each Accident (BI by Accident)  Part 2: \$750,000 in excess of First \$250,000 Each Employee (BI by Disease)	Part 2: First \$250,000 Each Accident (BI by Accident)  Part 2: First \$250,000 Each Employee (BI by Disease)	Included. See Note # 3 below.  Included. See Note # 3 below.
3.	Extra Contractual Obligations (ECO)	100% (In addition to Policy Limits)	ECO amounts in excess of the Reinsurer's ECO indemnity amounts in D.	90% of each ECO claim, subject to the applicable First \$250,000 Specific Reinsurance Limit in Item 1. or 2. above, whichever is applicable.	Included. See Note # 3 below.
4.	Loss in Excess of Original Policy Limits (XPL)	100% (In addition to Policy Limits)	XPL amounts in excess of the Reinsurer's XPL indemnity amounts in D.	90% of each ECO claim, subject to the applicable First \$250,000 Specific Reinsurance Limit in Item 1. or 2. above, whichever is applicable.	Included. See Note # 3 below.
5.	Loss Adjustment Expense (LAE)	100% (In addition to Policy Limits)	See Note #2. below.	See Note #2 below.	Included. See Note # 3 below.

EXHIBIT A (Continued)

Notes:

1. The Company's Policy Limits of Liability indicated in Items B.1. and 2. under this Exhibit A apply on a "per policy" basis and apply to Ultimate Net Loss only.
2. The Reinsurer's Specific Limits (first \$250,000) indicated in Items D.1. and 2. under this Exhibit A apply on a "per policy" basis and are combined for Each Accident or Each Employee for Disease with respect to the sum of:
  - a. Ultimate Net Loss,
  - b. Loss Adjustment Expense, and
  - c. 90% of each ECO or XPI claim, pursuant to Items D.3. and 4. under this Exhibit A.
3.
  - a. Subject to the Reinsurer's Specific Limits of Liability reinsurance, the Reinsurer's Aggregate Limit indicated in 3.b. below is:
    - (1) Combined for all reinsurance indemnity amounts indicated in D. under this Exhibit A,
    - (2) Combined for all Covered Policies, and
    - (3) Exhausted by the Reinsurer's share of Ultimate Net Loss, Loss Adjustment Expenses, Extra Contractual Obligations and Loss in Excess of Original Policy Limits pursuant to Note 2. above.
  - b. The Reinsurer's Aggregate Limit with respect to the 2000/2001 Program Year equals 80% of the audited Gross Written Premium (as defined in Article XVI) generated from all Covered Policies included in such Program Year. The 2000/2001 Program Year is defined to be comprised of all Covered Policies that incept on or between 12:01 A.M. Eastern Standard Time March 15, 2000 and 12:01 A.M. Eastern Standard Time March 14, 2001.

EXHIBIT B

LETTER OF CREDIT WORDING

To Beneficiary:

Date

Letter of Credit

No. \_\_\_\_\_

Security Insurance Company of Hartford,  
for and on behalf of itself or  
(Other Writing Company 1 or  
Other Writing Company 2  
Other Writing Company 3)  
C/O Alternative Risk Transfer Insurance Strategies  
100 Northfield Drive, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Windsor, CT 06095  
Attn: ARTIS – Financial Manager

Applicant

Name

Address

Applicants Name:

Dear Sirs:

We, (the bank), hereby establish this Clean, Irrevocable and Unconditional Letter of Credit No. \_\_\_\_\_ in your favor as beneficiary by order and for account of (applicant name) for drawings up to an aggregate amount of \_\_\_\_\_ (amount written out) effective \_\_\_\_\_. This Letter of Credit is issued, presentable and payable by (the bank) at any time at our office located at \_\_\_\_\_ (or to such other address as shall be designated by us under written notice to you) and expires with our close of business on \_\_\_\_\_ or any automatically extended expiry date. Except when the amount of this Letter of Credit is increased, this Credit cannot be modified or revoked without your consent.

The term "Beneficiary" includes any successor or assign by operation of law of the named Beneficiary including without limitation any liquidator, rehabilitator, receiver or conservator. Drawings by any liquidator, rehabilitator, receiver or conservator shall be for the benefit of all the beneficiary's policyholders. This Letter of Credit is transferable, in whole or in part, to your successors or assigns which transfer shall be effective upon receipt by (the bank) of an executed instrument effecting such transfer or assignment, and the successor, assignee or transferee shall be entitled to all the benefits and rights under this Letter of Credit

We hereby undertake to promptly honor your sight draft(s) drawn on us in immediately available funds, indicating our Letter of Credit No. \_\_\_\_\_, for all or any part of this Credit upon proper presentation of your sight draft drawn on us at our office specified in paragraph one on or before the expiration date hereof or any automatically extended expiry date.

Except as expressly stated herein, this undertaking is not subject to any other agreement, requirement or qualification. The obligation of (the bank) under this Letter of Credit is the individual obligation of (the bank) and is in no way contingent upon reimbursement with respect thereto, or upon our ability to perfect any lien, security interest or any other reimbursement.

It is a condition of this Credit that it shall automatically be extended without amendment for additional periods of one year from the present expiration date, or any future expiration date, unless at least sixty (60) days prior to any such date, we shall send you notice in writing, by registered mail, return receipt requested, that we elect not to renew this Credit for any additional period.

This Letter of Credit is subject to and governed by the Laws of the State of New York, including but not limited to the Uniform Commercial Code of New York, and the 1993 Revision of the Uniform Customs and Practice for the Documentary Credits of the International Chamber of Commerce, Publication No. 500 and in the event of any conflict, the Laws of the State of New York will control. If this credit expires during an interruption of business as described in Article 17 of said Publication 500, (the bank) specifically agrees to effect payment if this Credit is drawn against within 30 days after resumption of business.

Very truly yours,

(Signature)

(Title)

(Bank)

**INTERESTS AND LIABILITIES AGREEMENT**

to the  
Reinsurance Contract  
("Contract")

between  
Security Insurance Company of Hartford  
The Fire & Casualty Insurance Company of Connecticut  
The Connecticut Indemnity Company  
(each individually and collectively the "Company")

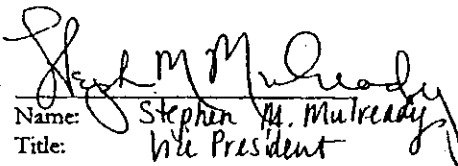
and

Commercial Risk Reinsurance Company Limited  
Hamilton, Bermuda


Under the terms of the Contract which is attached to this Agreement, the Reinsurer agrees to participate in an eighty percent (80%) share of the interests and liabilities of the Company as described therein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have signed this Interests and Liabilities Agreement effective as of the Inception Date set forth in the Contract.

Security Insurance Company of Hartford  
for and on behalf of the other above-named ceding companies

By   
Name: Stephen M. Mulready  
Title: Vice President

Commercial Risk Reinsurance Company Limited

By   
Graham C. Pewter  
President and Chief Executive Officer



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Commercial Risk Re-Insurance Company  
South Burlington, Vermont

Under the terms of the Contract which is attached to this Agreement, the Reinsurer agrees to participate in a twenty percent (20%) share of the interests and liabilities of the Company as described therein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have signed this Interests and Liabilities Agreement effective as of the Inception Date set forth in the Contract.

Security Insurance Company of Hartford  
for and on behalf of the other above-named ceding companies

By Stephen M. Matreney  
Name: Stephen M. Matreney  
Title: Vice President

Commercial Risk Re-Insurance Company

By Michael Lipkin  
Michael Lipkin  
Senior Vice President